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**Attorney Docket Number** 6217 460

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**Art Unit**

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CONTAINER LATCH AND METHOD OF ACTUATING SAME

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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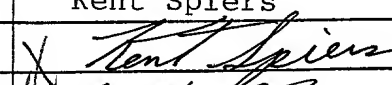
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